

AASHTO

Standing Committee on Highways

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Standing Committee on Highways

- **Chief Engineers from every state, DC and Puerto Rico**
- **Responsible for design and engineering policies, guidelines, standards, and publications**
- **Act on resolutions from all technical subcommittees**

Fall 2015 Meeting Topics

- Design Standards
- Management Performance Standards
- Research Updates
- **Georgia's first US Bicycle Route**
- **MASH**
- **Environmental/NEPA Assignment**

USBR 21 and Spurs

USBR 521:
spur to
**Mountain
Cove Farm**

**USBR 321: spur to
Chickamauga
Battlefield**

**212 miles of biking in
scenic northwest Georgia
connecting Atlanta, GA to
Chattanooga, TN**

USBR 21

**USBR 21: Silver
Comet Trail**



Manual for Assessing Safety Hardware (MASH)



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- Adopted in 2011, state of the art for crash testing highway safety hardware
 - No implementation deadline set
- Addresses needs of changing vehicle fleet
- Committee discussed setting deadlines for implementation requirements
- SCOH to vote in December 2015

NEPA Assignment

- California, Alaska, Texas assigned all NEPA responsibilities
- Utah, Florida, Ohio pursuing assignment
 - Passed legislation
 - Negotiating agreement with FHWA
- Colorado evaluated and decided not to pursue NEPA assignment

NEPA Assignment (cont'd)

- Pros:
 - Time savings, less reviews
 - Time savings equal money savings
 - More flexibility with procedures
- Cons
 - State has to enforce NEPA decisions with locals
 - FHWA semi-annual audits of program
 - Once assignment is complete, FHWA will not provide any guidance
 - Waive sovereign immunity, exposure to lawsuits

Questions?

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